



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION held Monday, August 20, 2001,  
for the purpose of prioritizing Capital Projects for FY 2002.**

The meeting began at 8:17 p.m. It was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Council members Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V.J. Putens, Thomas X. White and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development and David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Sheldon Goldberg, Sylvia Lewis, Lady Tripp and Barbara Young, News Review.

Mr. McLaughlin began by summarizing the materials presented to Council. He reviewed an August 16 memorandum listing additional proposed projects to the Capital Projects budget.

There was some discussion about the proposed bond referendum and how it might impact the Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Roberts expressed concern about taking on additional debt and stated his belief that the City should pay off its current debt and hold off on any new projects.

Council reviewed each project. Mr. Roberts expressed concern about police station carpeting, because of heavy use and favored an alternative to carpet. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the proposal was to install carpet or tile as appropriate.

Council members expressed concern about the \$5,000 for painting youth center trim. They suggested that this was a maintenance item that needed to be included in the operating budget.

Mr. White expressed opposition to the "Playground Improvements" project because of the direction the project was taking. He believed that the City was throwing a lot of money at the problem and was going the wrong way. Mr. Putens noted it was a liability issue, because of potential litigation. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the City's experience was good over the past 60 years, but that the City would be held liable if it failed to act.

Council agreed to fund every project in the proposed budget.

Council added the Dog Park at \$15,000 and seed money for the skate park at \$5,000. Ms. Craze indicated that money for the bas-reliefs did not need to be funded this year.

There was considerable discussion about the police station addition. Ms. Craze suggested that the project needed to be included, as an unfunded item, in the City's program so it was consistent with the City's position on the Greenbelt Station development. Council discussed other projects

which might be needed as a result of development in Greenbelt West. Council agreed to include a police station addition with an unknown cost.

Council agreed to defer "funding for gateways" to 2003.

#### Information Items

Mr. White asked about the track record of the City's new recycling firm. Mr. McLaughlin responded that he could check into that.

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the City received a fax from NASA proposing a facilitated forum on the Master Plan. He expressed some concern about this approach. Mr. Roberts favored placing this on the agenda. Mr. White expressed concern about the timing. Council agreed to communicate with NASA about the timing.

Next, Mr. McLaughlin referenced an updated meeting list noting that New Deal was available to meet on September 11.

Mayor Davis announced the MML Fall Legislative Conference. She reported on an invitation from Mayor Harrington that the City form a boat team. Next, Mayor Davis announced a celebration at Chesapeake Beach this weekend.

Mayor Davis requested attention to maintenance at Schrom Hills Park, particularly mulch beds .

The meeting ended at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Moran

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